

ABSTRACT

A support apparatus for a steering column of an automotive vehicle. The support apparatus comprises upper and lower brackets through which a lower housing of the steering column is installed to a vehicle body. The lower housing is releasable from the vehicle body through first and second releasing mechanisms. The second releasing mechanism includes a part defining a through-hole through which the front end section of the lower housing is projectable forward. An engaging and releasing device is provided such that the lower housing is engageable with the lower bracket and releasable from the lower bracket when a forward load is applied to the steering column through the engaging and releasing device. Additionally, a guide member is disposed forward of the through-hole to slidably guide the bottom surface of the lower housing forward generally when the lower housing exits the through-hole.